

# The Ottawa Free Trader.

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## An Explosion, Terrific!

The after effect of the holiday rush has been to reduce the volume of trade to such an extent as to best our price machine. The thing is badly torn up, especially on the following:

PLUSH CLOAKS AND WRAPS,  
NEW MARKETS AND JACKETS,  
SHAWLS AND SKIRTS,  
BLANKETS (white and colored),  
LADIES', CHILDREN'S AND  
GENTLEMEN'S UNDERWEAR,  
FANCY DRESS FLANNELS,  
AND MANY OTHER GOODS.

Call and See the Wreck.

A. LYNCH.

## LIVERY AND FEED STABLE AND HACK LINE.

50. TELEPHONE. 150.

## PETER EGAN

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest Livery Stables in the city, at the City Stables, such as:  
**The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies,**  
To let at prices to suit the times. Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Picnics, etc., supplied with Good Hags in short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Persons taken to or from the depot, or to the country, night or day.  
Remember the place—On Madison street, east of Alder, one block west of new court house.  
Ottawa, Feb. 9 1888. PETER EGAN.

## CHAS. KNOEDLER, Meat Market, MAIN STREET.

Summer Sausage a Specialty.

All meats, fresh and salt, handled, and best quality market affords always on hand. Goods delivered to order. Your patronage is solicited, and no efforts will be spared to give you

Perfect Satisfaction at All Times.

Ottawa, Ill., July 30, 1887.

## BOOMING!

THE

## Great Reduction Sale

OF

WINTER GOODS

AT

## H. J. GILLEN'S.

## All Winter Goods

Offered at a

## REDUCTION

That amounts to a Genuine Sacrifice of Stock.

## SPECIAL REDUCTIONS

ON

Cloaks, Shawls, Flannels, Blankets and all Winter Goods.

## GENUINE REDUCTIONS!

No Reservation of Winter Goods. All Must be Sold.

## CALL EARLY

And Secure a Bargain in Any Line of Winter Goods.

H. J. GILLEN.

### The Closing Sale

At H. J. Gillen's has been so successful the past week that to give all those who have not had an opportunity to call a share in the great bargains offered, it will be continued one week longer. There is still a fine line of winter goods left, and to finally close them out still further bargains will be made this coming week.

Early spring goods are arriving daily—new effects in dress gingham, prints, etc., and a complete line of domestic and other seasonable goods which the forehanded housewives make up early. The new goods open at very low prices; and buyers will find here the cream of the market.

All invited to call.

### Grand Entertainment.

An entertainment will be given by the ladies of the Ottawa Aid Society at the Rink on Friday evening, Feb. 10th. Special effects have been made by those interested to insure this being a grand success. A spelling match has been arranged, all the schools being represented, at which time prizes will be distributed, generously donated by the following gentlemen: Messrs J. E. Scott & Co., Fisk & Beem, E. Y. Griggs, Warren Riale, R. H. Trask and C. D. DeLap. This exciting contest will be followed by the laughable comedy entitled "The Boston Dip." The following programme is a sufficient guarantee of a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

### The Boston Dip.

Comedy in One Act.

Mr. Moses Mulligrab (once Proprietor of a Fish Cart, now a rich Speculator).  
Mr. A. F. Lardin  
Monsieur Adonis, A Dancing Master.  
Dr. Butterfield  
Mr. Richard Dasher, A Fast Man.  
Mr. Arthur Hook  
Mr. Lavender Kids, An Enquirer.  
Mrs. Moses Mulligrab.  
Miss Elsie Trimble  
Miss Ida Mulligrab.  
Miss Mollie Hull  
Miss Eva Mulligrab.  
Miss Fannie Trimble  
Admission 25 cts. for adults, 10 cts. for children.

### Manley & Jordan

SELL CLIMAX, GARLAND, EAST MAIL, BISMARCK AND OTHER FIRST-CLASS COOK STOVES. A LARGE LINE OF LATEST AND BEST AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS FOR SPRING TRADE. THE HAYES DOUBLE BESS CYLINDER FORCE PUMP WILL THROW MORE WATER WITH LESS POWER THAN ANY OTHER.

New and elegant designs in valentines at Hapeman & Graham's.

The Caton water pipes are again repaired, and water will flow either to-day or on Monday, if the pipes can be thawed out in time.

### Novelties.

In fine and comic valentines. Something that is sure to suit. E. Y. GRIGGS.

AN ELEGANT NEW LINE OF HATS AND NECKWEAR AT FRENCH'S.

Company D is mad clear through over the alleged sensational expose, in an alleged sensational paper, of the stealing of four or five turkeys, a couple of dozen buns, three or four pies, etc., etc., from the larder of the lunch department of the Sister's Fair on Sunday morning last, with the open imputation that a member or members, of Co. D committed the alleged outrage and a call for their expulsion from the I. N. G. These are the cold unalloyed facts of the case, as stated by both the fair managers and the janitor, who ate the food. The janitor is compelled to be about the building day and night, keeping up fires and guarding the exhibits. He takes most of his meals at the refreshment table, under agreement that their cost shall be deducted from the bill for hall rent at the settlement. There was a chicken, a half dozen buns and rusk, some coffee, and some butter left of the lunch on last Saturday evening, and it was understood by the management that the janitor would take them for his breakfast. He did so, and some ghouls, with more enthusiasm than discretion, under the guise of a reporter, hearing of the missing food, immediately concluded that there had been a grand banquet by Co. D, on stolen viands. But the goods are in the bill, and paid for.

### Beats them All.

Our \$2 shoe leads—others follow.

D. LEAHY.

The pastor of the Lutheran church on the west side, in closing his Sunday services, spoke in opposition to the temperance movement, stigmatizing it as non-christian and hypocritical to sign a pledge. A set of resolutions were neither introduced nor passed, as alleged by one of the dailies.

Subscribe for your newspapers and periodicals, at Hapeman & Graham's.

Ald. Prichard had a narrow escape from death on the Cove creek road Wednesday afternoon. He was driving slowly along, thinking of no danger, when looking behind he discovered a runaway team, hitched to a bob-sled, whose approach had been rendered noiseless by the snow, almost upon his cutter. It was too late to escape by flight, and there was no room to turn aside, so the alderman did the next best thing, to his mind, and jumped out. Unfortunately, however, his feet caught in the lap robe and he fell under the feet of the approaching team, and was carried several rods along the horses and bob, the deep snow alone saving him from being crushed to death. As it is, Mr. Prichard carries a cut about five inches long on his cranium, extending from the apex to the butt of the left ear. He will be laid up for a day or two.

### Closing Sale of Winter Goods.

R. J. Hornick & Co., of Grand Ridge, the dry goods merchants, will, on Monday next, commence with a clearing sale of all winter goods, every article offered being first class grade and without a blemish. The object is to close out everything not calculated for the spring trade, and make room for a larger spring stock than ever before.

The sale will include good substantial, all wool blankets, cheap—will positively offer them at low figures!

A large stock of fine and heavy rubber goods, best on the market, will be offered less than you ever bought them.

A heavy stock of gloves and mittens—half their value.

A line of winter boots and shoes, as good as you ever wore—here is an actual bargain—they have got to go; also clothing at less figures than ever offered you.

A fine grade of new uncolored Jap tea—sold for 50c; former price 80c. Our expenses are comparatively nothing. Farmers come and see for yourselves. R. J. HORNICK & CO.

### At Scott's

A large invoice of Sarchen laces will be in Monday, and opened at once at prices never before known in Ottawa. These are the most beautiful laces shown here since the city was founded, and will furnish a rare chance to buyers.

### E. Finley & Co.

Successors to J. McMullen, hardware, Grand Ridge, Ill. The new firm will carry a full line of agricultural implements, including the Deering binder, Champion light mower, Champion binder, Bradley plows and cultivators, the Maud S. and Marselles cultivators, fence wire, King & Hamilton wagons, cutlery, shelf goods, stoves and every description of hardware. Mr. Finley has been in the vicinity of Grand Ridge since 1854, and is favorably known.

Blading twine a specialty.

### Dentistry.

D. N. Campbell, dentist; office over Hoban's store, 717 La Salle street.

Mrs. John Erickson, of La Salle, reposes in the Hotel Morrissey, in default of \$50 bonds to keep the peace.

Old Mr. Stevenson, of the South Side, father of William Stevenson, and well and favorably known in this community, was taken suddenly Thursday morning with a swelling and inflammation of the tonsils, and the tongue at the roots. Wednesday he was in his usual good health and worked all day, and yesterday morning he awoke in a critical condition. He was 70 years old yesterday and was to have had a reunion of his whole family; and the result is a painful one. Drs. Ryburn, Butterfield and Bascom were in attendance yesterday, and pronounced it a serious case. Mr. Stevenson has many warm friends in Ottawa.

### Our

New carpets,  
New lace curtains,  
New hosiery,  
New laces and embroideries,  
New dress gingham,  
New wash goods of all kinds.  
Now open at HULL'S.

Mrs. Hickling, widow of a brother of William Hickling (of Walker & Hickling) was taken before Dr. Dyer a few days ago and a surgical operation performed for strangulated hernia. The old lady is 75 years old, and the operation was difficult and painful. She is doing well.

### If You Want

A working shoe, a dress shoe, a fine or medium boot, a fine shoe for ladies, school shoes for children of all age, rubber goods, or a shoe to knock around in, come to us and get leather at reasonable rates. Our \$2.50 shoe is a standard, both in ladies and gents goods. D. LEAHY.

The Colwell-Sherwood building stores have now all been rented; the unoccupied rooms at present have been taken, one by Kellan, Burnes & Co., of Pekin, who will put in a stock of dry goods and notions; the other by S. Corey, of Kankakee, who will open soon a stock of clothing.

PAY YOUR TAXES. OFFICE AT U. S. EXPRESS OFFICE.

C. KERST.

Collector.

Gideon Ruger, the school teacher, who lives on the Hill plantation on Ottawa Ave., lost a horse in a very singular manner on Wednesday afternoon. He was on his way home from town, when his horse became frightened at some imaginary danger, (for, being blind, it was unable to see a real bug-aboo,) and ran away, detaching the sleigh with its occupants. He ran direct west on Main with a speed at which no one would suppose a blind horse would dare travel unguided, and, probably, in his horse mind, thinking that it was time to turn a corner, when near Titus' barn, ran squarely into it, literally knocking his brains out.

Frank J. Sibley and the Herbert Quartette, who have been in this city this week, will be in Utica at Clark's hall on Sunday afternoon and evening.

For all kinds of agricultural implements, tools and garden seeds, buggies, carriages, harness, sewing machines and supplies at bottom prices, go to F. D. Sweetser's, third door North of postoffice. Call before you make purchases, as we will sell close at great bargains for the next 90 days. F. D. S.

### Obituary.

Captain Pilkington, an old and highly respected resident of this city, was seized with a severe attack of rheumatism of the heart on Monday afternoon at about 4 o'clock, near Leix' boarding house, where he has made his home for several years. He was carried to his room, and although all that medical skill could contribute was done for his relief, he expired in great pain at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning. He was 62 years old, and had been a resident of this city for 35 years, serving as captain of steam and tow boats plying between this port and Chicago on the I. & M. canal. He was buried on Wednesday in Ottawa Avenue cemetery, whence his remains were escorted by a large number of friends, headed by Fitzgerald's band.

### DAVID S. LARKIN.

David S. Larkin, son of Esquire Larkin, of this city, died suddenly on Thursday night last while on his way to Chicago from Rock Island. He was in the city early in the week, and returned to Rock Island where his business as railroad conductor called him, not in good health. While there he was attacked severely with quinsy, and in the hope of securing better medical attention on Thursday evening he was taken to Chicago, and died on the road between Ottawa and Morris. The body was taken to Chicago, but was brought back to Ottawa last evening. The funeral will probably take place on Sunday afternoon from St. Columba Church, though the hour is not yet fixed. He was born in May, 1859; a young man of more than ordinary ability, and was rapidly advancing step by step to the higher places in the railway service. His untimely death is a great blow to his family and friends, both here and in Rock Island.

### ROGER NOLAN.

Roger Nolan, an old and highly esteemed citizen of this city, died of old age at his home on the North Side on Monday. He was 77 years of age, and leaves two children. Mr. Nolan came to this county many years ago, and was well-known in farming circles. He was buried in St. Columba cemetery.

### MRS. RICHARD SKUSE.

Mary, wife of Richard Skuse, died after a brief illness on Tuesday evening, at their home on the west side. She was twenty-one years of age and born in this city, where she leaves a large circle of intimate friends to mourn her departure. She was a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Downey, and leaves beside her husband, three brothers, and an infant child. She was laid in the tomb on Thursday morning at nine o'clock, from St. Columba, from whence the remains were accompanied by a very large funeral procession.

### MRS. ROSE LEVY.

Mrs. Rose Levy, aged 65 years, died at the residence of her daughter on the west side, Mrs. Ed. Alschuler, at an early hour on Wednesday morning, of paralysis of the brain. She had been suffering with the malady for some years, being the major part of the time unable to be on her feet. The loss of her husband, about a year ago, also had its influence. She was a lady of rare accomplishments, and is sincerely mourned by those in whose society she was accustomed to move. Nine children survive her, four of whom, Mrs. Ed. Alschuler, Mrs. Aronstein, Emanuel and Frank, reside in the city. She was consigned to the grave on Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m.

### MRS. E. J. CAHILL.

Elizabeth, wife of Edward J. Cahill, died at their home on the north side on Friday morning, at 4:15 o'clock. She was a daughter of Felix Capsuel, living north of this city, and was born in this county, mingling in the society of this city for a number of years. She was 27 years old, and had been a wife but three years and leaves a babe of two years. The funeral takes place from St. Columba church at 10 o'clock this morning. Rev. Father Ryan, officiating.

### MARY E. STURUP.

Mary E. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Strupp, of East Main street, died at an early hour on Friday morning, of kidney troubles, aged nine years. The funeral takes place to-day, at ten o'clock, from St. Francis church.

Score a point in low prices on boots and shoes for J. Megaffin.

PAY YOUR TAXES. SAVE MONEY AND TROUBLE. Call at U. S. Express Office.

Ryan and Wenn were indicted by the last grand jury for snatching an inoffensive German bald-headed at Sireator, were, through the aid of the fine Italian hand of Geo. W. Blake, made as the chaste and immaculate snow, by a jury on Thursday night.

"May Blossom," the Fisherman's Bride, presented by Adelman's Dramatic Co., on Thursday evening was very favorably received by a good house. Adelman is a comedian of no mean pretensions, and his part, Uncle Bartlett, seems lost in him, instead of his being lost in the part. Ed. Wodisky, as Harland, did well, and has the right material in him for the making of a fine actor.

The Sunday evening service at the Baptist church will be of special interest to pledge signers, as well as others. The subject of the address will be, "After the pledge, what next?" A musical programme is preparing, including voices and instrument.

Try the \$2.50 rock bottom dress shoes at J. Megaffin's.

## Seed Potatoes.

We have a fine variety of

"Early Rose" AND "Utah Burbank."

ACORN CHEESE,

A fine full Cream Cheese. Try it.

20 lb. Box Crackers, - - \$1.00 | 10 lb. Box Crackers, - - \$1.00

W. C. RIALE & CO.,

Bargain Grocers.

INSURANCE COMPANY

—OF—

## NORTH AMERICA.

### Semi-Annual Statement.

CASH CAPITAL, - - - - \$3,000,000.00

Reserve for Re-Ins. & all other liabilities, 2,944,022.52

Nel Surplus, - - - - 2,530,329.36

Cash Assets Jan. 1, '87, - - - \$8,474,351.88

Losses Paid at Ottawa Agency, \$19,896.34.

Paid in the Great Fires of Chicago and Boston, \$1,700,000.00.

Total Losses Paid Since Organization:

OVER \$60,000,000.00.

GEO. W. RAVENS, Agent,

S. E. Cor. P. O. Block.

J. E. Scott & Co.  
White goods and embroideries, the finest lines of these goods we have yet opened is now ready for inspection.

All the latest novelties in white goods for dresses and aprons in checks, stripes and plaids at 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20 and 25c.

Embroideries fine qualities, marked very cheap. 1 inch wide, 1c; 2 inches wide, 3c; 3 inches wide, 5c; 4 inches wide, 7c; 5 inch 10c; 7 inch, 12c; 9 inch, 15c.

Extra fine qualities in cambric and nainsook embroideries just as cheap in proportion.

We believe it pays the customer best to buy good quality of goods; we therefore most cordially invite the ladies to inspect our new white goods and embroideries.

### SPECIAL.

We have just opened a bargain department in the east end where will be found all the odds and ends, goods any way soiled or out of style remnants, &c.

Nearly all the goods in this department will be sold without regard to cost or value, half price or less.

Come and see these bargains.

J. E. SCOTT & CO.

The successes and failures of our Temperance Revival, will be the theme of discourse Sunday evening at the First Methodist Church. Subject for morning discourse: "Prolonged Babyhood." The public is cordially invited, especially all red-ribbon men, to the evening meeting. Good singing, lead by the excellent quartette, Messrs. James Meekel and George Trimble, and Misses Clara Griffith and Alice Smith. Pledges and ribbons will be circulated.

### To School and Road Officers.

All kinds of school and road blanks may be obtained at Hapeman & Graham's. Mail orders promptly attended to.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Relief Association will be held in the lecture room of the Methodist Church, Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 3 p. m.

### GRAND RIDGE, Feb. 1.

C. M. FORBES—Dear Sir: I have been troubled for some time with a hacking cough. I was becoming pretty nervous when I tried so many so called cures and found them to be a failure, when I saw your advertisement in the OTTAWA FREE TRADER that you had compounded an article that would "kill a cough." I have tried one bottle of it, and I must say that I am coming out all right. I send you \$1 for four more bottles. Must have it in the house. Yours truly, J. B. M.

### Notice.

All parties indebted to Dr. William Shepard will please call at his office and settle the same, as he is desirous of leaving for the East as soon as possible.

### Insurance.

John Stout, who has been interested in the real estate business for some time past, has added fire insurance. He will represent five first class companies and will be prepared to give his patrons the most advantageous rates. Mr. Stout is an energetic, live business man, and our readers will find it to their advantage to call upon him for anything in his line. His office will be with D. B. Snow, Armory block.

Our \$2 dress shoes are still in the lead for quality and price. J. MEGAFFIN.

## A NEW ERA IN Grocery Prices.

We are better prepared than ever to take care of dry and country patronage this year, and, as we

Pay No Exorbitant Rentals,

Can offer best qualities in

Staple and Fancy Groceries,

Table Ware, Flour, Feed, and Shelf Goods

AT LOWER PRICES

Than we have ever offered before.

Our Teas and Coffees

ARE THE BEST FOR THE DOLLAR.

You don't ask any more than a good dollar's worth.

DELAHANTY & FOLEY,

Corner of Columbus and Superior Streets.

C. D. DE LAPP.

Ladies'

\$2.50 Kid, Button, Flexible Sole SHOE Can't be BEATEN.

One door south of D. Hess' Jewelry Store.

621 La Salle St., OTTAWA, ILL.

### Amusements.

All lovers of the emotional drama will undoubtedly be glad to hear that the opera house management have secured for Thursday evening, February 9th, Helen Blythe—the reigning society queen and peerless emotional actress, presenting the purest, strongest and best American play ever written, entitled, "Only a Woman's Heart," supported by the same great cast that have appeared with her in New York City, Boston, Chicago, and all the principal cities for the past four years. Helen Blythe is probably the foremost actress at present upon the American stage, not even excepting Mary Anderson. In sensational parts, such as she appears in in "Only a Woman's Heart," she possesses a power to melt her audience and win applause from the most unsympathetic heart. Seats will be placed on sale on Tuesday morning at Simons' music store.

On Saturday, February 11th, the greatest character play ever written, entitled "Sam'l of Posen," presented by the only authorized company now producing the piece, and in which Frank Howard will appear in the title role.

Hugh Courtney, a Streator wife beater, was landed in jail under \$300 bonds, which he was unable to furnish. He gave his family \$10 out of \$31 in his possession, keeping \$21 for "his acco."